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By: Carla J. Catalano

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, said period of response being extended from July 18, 2006 to September 18, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$450 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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